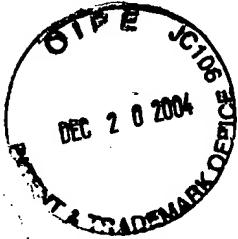


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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT AND AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL

In re Application of: Ainsworth et al

For: SELF-CLOSING SURGICAL CLIP FOR TISSUE
 Serial No.: 09/847,947
 Filed: 05/02/2001



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